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1. TAN SIM L B PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY, REGIONAL AND ECONOMIC SECTION, MFA, INFORMED EMBOFF AUGUST 7 THAT ANY REPORTS THAT ASEAN SECRETARIAT WAS REPRESENTED AT KINGSTON CONFERENCE BETWEEN EEC AND ACP COUNTRIES WERE ERRONEOUS. HE SAID ASEAN SECRETARIAT WAS NOT YET IN EXISTENCE BUT SHOULD BE IN OPERATION BY THE END OF 1974. HE NOTED THAT PERMSEC BOGAARS WAS SLATED TO ATTEND AN ASEAN MEETING IN KUALA LUMPUR LATER THIS MONTH TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT. HE OBSERVED THAT THE ASEAN COUNTRIES HAD ALREADY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECRETARIAT ALTHOUGH SINGAPORE WAS IN FAVOR OF A MORE COMPACT STRUCTURE THAN WHAT HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY PROPOSED.

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2. TAN SAID SINGAPORE HAD NOT REGARDED THE KINGSTON CONFERENCE AS BEING PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT SINCE

IT WAS MORE ORIENTED TOWARD THE CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES AND THEREFORE DID NOT SEND A REPRESENTATIVE. IN FACT, HE SAID THE KINGSTON CONFERENCE HAD NOT EVEN BEEN DISCUSSED BY ASEAN ALTHOUGH ONE OR MORE MEMBER COUNTRIES MAY HAVE SENT REPRESENTATIVES.

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